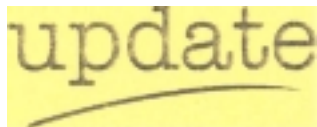




## NCLB/Education YES! Requirements Highly Qualified Paraprofessionals



### Highlights:

RESA is offering training sequences for currently employed paraprofessionals wishing to meet “highly qualified” requirements as defined by No Child Left Behind.

Paraprofessionals hired **after January 8, 2002** and working in a program or school supported with Title I funds must have (1) completed two years of study at an institution of higher education; (2) obtained an associate’s (or higher) degree; or (3) be able to demonstrate, through a formal State or local academic assessment, knowledge of and the ability to assist in instructing reading, writing, and mathematics (or, as appropriate, reading readiness, writing readiness, and mathematics readiness).

Paraprofessionals hired **on or before January 8, 2002** and working in a program supported with Title I funds must meet these requirements by January 8, 2006.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has designated the ACT WorkKeys as an appropriate assessment instrument to be used in demonstrating ability in reading, writing and mathematics. Currently, MDE is completing a standard setting process which will determine the mastery level required to reach the paraprofessional qualification established by No Child Left Behind.

RESA has contracted with Henry Ford Community College to provide several training sequences at RESA’s Education Center to prepare paraprofessionals from Wayne County school districts for taking the WorkKeys test. Registration materials have been mailed to all Wayne County school districts and are available on the RESA website.

GET READY workshops are scheduled for a five week sequence beginning Tuesday, March 11 – April 8 and on Thursdays beginning March 13 — April 10. Cost to districts is \$100 per participant — RESA will bill districts.

GET READY participants will be able to take the WorkKeys Test at RESA on either Saturday, May 3 or Saturday, May 10. Cost for the initial three tests (reading, writing and mathematics) and one retest will be \$40 per participant – RESA will bill districts. Based on needs of Wayne County school districts, additional GET READY sequences will be scheduled in the months ahead.

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